



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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MINUTES **OF THE REGULAR MEETING** **OF APRIL 7, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Montano at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE - ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chairperson Helen Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John Hammargren
Carl Moore

Excused Absence:

James Cragin
Michael Russell

Staff

B. Eugene Romig
Nyla Jefferson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 31, 2004 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, Line 4, delete reference to “disciplinary action” and replace with “control of unruly minors.”

Page 3, Line 15, delete reference to “disciplinary measures” and replace with “control techniques.”

Page 3, Line 23, delete reference to “disciplinary measures” and replace with “control of disruptive minors.”

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

No report.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS

None

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Mental Health Court, Department #95

Commissioners Montano, Bacio, Moore and Hammargren visited the Mental Health Court, 1150 N. San Fernando Road, Los Angeles. The person in charge was Daniel G. B. Cloutier, Bonus 1-Branch Supervisor. Capacity: 67. Occupancy: 16. **Overall rating: Excellent.** The Commission asked that a letter of commendation for Mr. Cloutier be prepared and sent to his superiors.

Westside Children’s Group Homes:

Commissioners Montano and Hammargren visited the following:

Page 112, #1: 7353 West 87th Place. The person in charge was Anna Valeriano. The owner of all the Westside Children’s Group Homes is Judy Mitchell. This home capacity is 6. Occupancy: 6. **Overall rating is Satisfactory.**

Page 112, #2: 7344 West 87th Street. The person in charge was Veronica Mazaregos. This home capacity is 6. Occupancy 6. **Overall rating is Needs Improvement.** Specific items needing improvement include: Appearance of Home, exterior, interior and grounds; driveway is hazardous

and needs resurfacing; carpets need cleaning or replacing; no chairs in dining room; insufficient food on hand; tile on kitchen floor needs replacing; Beds were not clean; premises have hazardous conditions; no office key available; staff training records deficient; first aid kit needs restocking; manager reports there are complaints about the behavior of the residents.

The commission asked that the condition of this facility be reported to DCFS and a report on follow up be submitted to the commission at their next regular meeting.

Commissioners Moore and Bacio visited the following:

Page 112, #3. 6041 Will Rogers, Los Angeles. The person in charge of this facility is Maria Madera. This home capacity is 6. Occupancy: 6.

Overall rating is Satisfactory. There was a water leak causing the floor to rot in a bedroom. There was a hazardous vent reported. The vehicle, a 1982 Ford station wagon, has a cracked windshield.

Page 113, #1. 7318 West 88th Street, Los Angeles. The person in charge is Carmen Valenano. This home capacity is 6. Occupancy is 5. **Overall rating is Satisfactory.** Items needing correction include: Home's license is not posted. First aid kit needs restocking. One child's prescription needs an individual bin. The home's vehicle, reported to be a 1995 Aero Star was not present and could not be inspected.

Five Acres

Commissioners Stathatos and Canella visited this facility.

760 W. Mountain View, Altadena. The owner is Robert Ketch. The person in charge is Erica Lodgen. This facility's capacity is 80. Occupancy: 76 (49 boys and 27 girls, from age 6 to 14.) **Overall rating is Satisfactory.**

Commissioner Stathatos questioned the fairness of DCFS placement policies toward child or family.

2739 Santa Rosa, Altadena. This facility has been closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners Bacio reported on the Commissioners Charitable Funds balance as follows:

February 27, 2004 Balance:	\$993.72
Deposits made during period:	15.00
Checks written during period:	<222.94>
Current ending balance:	<u>\$785.78</u>

The Commission requested that future agendas include a Treasurer's Report category toward the front of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED
ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)**

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Eugene Romig
Head, Commission Services